

**RECESSED REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011, AT 4:30 P. M.  
CITY HALL, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**

The City Council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, met at City Hall in a recessed regular meeting on Monday, January 10, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order with the following officials present:

Mayor Robert H. Maxwell  
Councilman Joe Abston  
Councilman Frank Corder  
Councilman Jim Milstead  
Councilman Robert Stallworth, Sr.  
Councilman Harold Tillman, Jr.  
Councilman George L. Wolverton, Sr.

Acting City Manager/City Attorney Eddie Williams  
Asst. City Clerk Brenda Reed

City Clerk/Comptroller Robert J. Parker was absent.

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Mayor Maxwell welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councilman Stallworth then gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance was recited before the commencing of business.

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Harry Schmidt, Community Development Director, addressed the Council regarding a request to transfer the 2010 Tidelands Trust Fund Grant from the Magnolia Street Birding Pier to the Round Island Lighthouse. The proposed letter is spread on the minutes as follows:

January 7, 2011

Dr. William Walker  
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources  
1141 Bayview Avenue  
Biloxi, MS 39530

RE: Mississippi Tidelands Trust Funds for Magnolia Street Birding Pier

Dear Dr. Walker:

The City of Pascagoula recently accepted 2010 Tidelands Trust Funds in the amount of \$125,000.00 for a birding pier at the foot of Magnolia Street. We have also been fortunate enough to be approved for \$300,000.00 in CIAP funding for the same pier. As we near the

completion of the design and engineering of this pier, it has become evident that the CIAP funds will sufficiently fund this pier. Therefore, the City would like to request that the 2010 Tidelands Trust Funds for the Magnolia Street Birding Pier be transferred for use on the Round Island Lighthouse Restoration Project.

The Round Island Restoration Project has been a tremendous success to date. The City was able to use FEMA and Mississippi Department of Archives and History funding to relocate the base of the lighthouse to mainland Pascagoula, secure a new foundation for the structure, and build a sidewalk which will connect it to the nearby Pascagoula Historic Pathway and Boat Launch. The construction contract has been awarded for the Pathway and Boat Launch project, a project which is partially funded by the Mississippi Tidelands Trust. The City is now working to restore the lantern gallery of the lighthouse which will be placed at the site next to the base until the restoration of the structure is completed.

The City expected an earmark of \$150,000.00 in the 2010 Department of Interior Appropriations Bill. However, as you know, Congress failed to act on 2010 appropriations bills. Therefore, the budget for the lighthouse project received a significant setback. The remainder of the lighthouse project is estimated to cost approximately \$400,000.00. The City has obtained sponsorships and grants of approximately \$175,000.00 to date. If the Tidelands Trust Funds are transferred to the Round Island Lighthouse, the project would have 75% of the funding it needs for completion. I am confident the remaining balance will be raised through private sponsorships and future grants.

The Round Island Lighthouse is an important piece of Pascagoula's maritime heritage. The relocation and restoration of the lighthouse makes this landmark accessible to the entire public, not just those with access to a boat. In addition, it will serve as a welcoming beacon to all who visit our great City, while also educating the public as to the maritime history of our region.

The City of Pascagoula appreciates the generous support of the Tidelands Trust Fund and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, and we ask that you strongly consider transferring these grant funds to the Round Island Lighthouse Restoration Project in order for the City to properly complete both the Magnolia Street Birding Pier and the Round Island Lighthouse.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robbie Maxwell  
Mayor

Councilman Wolverton made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the proposed letter to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources requesting a transfer of the 2010 Tidelands Trust Fund Grant from the Magnolia Street Birding Pier to the Round Island Lighthouse. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stallworth and received the following vote: Mayor Maxwell "AYE". Councilmen Abston "AYE", Corder "AYE", Milstead "AYE", Stallworth "AYE", Tillman "AYE", and Wolverton "AYE". (Approved 1-10-11)

(A copy of the related document is filed in the minute file of this meeting and incorporated herein by reference.)

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Councilman Wolverton made a motion to close the meeting to consider going into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stallworth and received the following vote: Mayor Maxwell "AYE". Councilmen Abston "AYE", Corder "AYE", Milstead "AYE", Stallworth "AYE", Tillman "AYE", and Wolverton "AYE". (Approved 1-10-11)

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Councilman Abston made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter regarding the City Manager search and annexation litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wolverton and received the following vote: Mayor Maxwell "AYE". Councilmen Abston "AYE", Corder "AYE", Milstead "AYE", Stallworth "AYE", Tillman "AYE", and Wolverton "AYE". The Mayor announced to the public and those in attendance that the Council had voted to hold an executive session for the purpose stated above. The Council then began the executive session. (Approved 1-10-11)

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During executive session and after discussion regarding applicants for the City Manager position, Councilman Wolverton made a motion to schedule interviews in Pascagoula with Roger Baltz on Friday, January 21, 2011, and with Joe Huffman on Monday, January 24, 2011, as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Corder and received the following vote: Mayor Maxwell "AYE". Councilmen Abston "AYE", Corder "AYE", Milstead "AYE", Stallworth "AYE", Tillman "AYE", and Wolverton "AYE". (Approved 1-10-11)

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Councilman Abston then made a motion to end the executive session and return to open session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Corder and received the following vote: Mayor Maxwell "AYE". Councilmen Abston "AYE", Corder "AYE", Milstead "AYE", Stallworth "AYE", Tillman "AYE", and Wolverton "AYE".

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Councilman Wolverton made a motion to recess until Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. to transact such business as may lawfully come before the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Milstead and received the following vote: Mayor Maxwell "AYE". Councilmen Abston "AYE", Corder "AYE", Milstead "AYE", Stallworth "AYE", Tillman "AYE", and Wolverton "AYE".

The meeting ended at 4:55 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Robert H. Maxwell, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Brenda J. Reed, Asst. City Clerk